

# EXHIBIT 47, PART B

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAII

NANCY MIRACLE,	)	CIVIL NO. 92 00605 ACK
aka, NANCY MANISCALCO GREEN,	)	(Non Motor Vehicle Tort)
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
	)	
vs.	)	
	)	
ANNA STRASBERG, as Administratrix,	)	
c.t.a. of the Last Will and	)	
Testament of MARILYN MONROE.	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
	)	
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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

TO: ANNA STRASBERG, as Administratrix,  
c.t.a. of the Last Will and Testament  
of MARILYN MONROE  
600 Third Avenue  
New York, New York 10016

Please Take Notice that plaintiff demands trial by jury in  
this action.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawaii,

11/27/92  
  
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**United States District Court**

FOR THE

DISTRICT OF

HAWAII

**NANCY GREENE, aka NANCY  
MANISCALCO GREEN****Plaintiff,****V.****ANNA STRASBERG, as Administratrix  
c.t.a. of the Last Will and  
Testament of MARILYN MONROE****Defendant.****SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION****CASE NUMBER:****Civil No. 92-00605  
(Non-Motor Vehicle Tort)****DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL****TO: (Name and Address of Defendant)****ANNA STRASBERG, as Administratrix  
c.t.a. of the Last Will and  
Testament of MARILYN MONROE****C/O Irving P. Seidman****Attorneys for the Estate of Marilyn Monroe****600 Third Avenue****New York, New York 10016****YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to file with the Clerk of this Court and serve upon**PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY (name and address)****John Aaron Murphy Jones****Attorney at Law****1170 North King Street****Honolulu, Hawaii 96717****808 926-9078**

an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

**WALTER A. Y. H. CHINN**

CLERK

/s/ Toni Fujinaga

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At Chambers of Surrogate's Court  
held in and for the County of New  
York, at the Surrogate's Court,  
31 Chambers Street, New York,  
New York, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of  
May, 1990.

SURROGATE'S COURT  
NEW YORK COUNTY  
JUN - 8 PM 2:30  
CERTIFICATES  
FILED

**P R E S E N T :**

**HON. MARIE M. LAMBERT**

Surrogate.

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Proceeding by Anna Strasberg, as  
Administratrix, c.t.a. of the Last  
Will and Testament of

File No. P2781/62

**MARILYN MONROE,**

Deceased,

**ORDER APPROVING  
MERCHANDISING  
AGREEMENT**

for an Order for Advice and Direction  
as to the Propriety, Price, Manner  
and Time of Entering into a  
Merchandising Licensing Agreement  
Using the Name, Trademarked Signature,  
and Likeness of Marilyn Monroe,  
Deceased,

Petitioner

**THE FRANKLIN MINT.**  
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On reading and filing the petition of Anna Strasberg as Administratrix, c.t.a.  
of the Last Will and Testament of Marilyn Monroe wherein she seeks advice and direction  
concerning a licensing agreement with The Franklin Mint dated November 2, 1989 and  
upon all papers and proceedings herein; and the said merchandising licensing agreement  
having been approved on the record on May 15, 1990 it is

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### PRETERMITTED HEIRS: AN ANALYSIS OF STATUTES<sup>1</sup>

After the death of a testator it is discovered that his child is unprovided for in the will and there is no intestate property. Confronted with this disinheritance, the common law is powerless to act. If the child was born prior to the will he has been subjected to the unquestioned power to disinherit; if, born later, to the same power on the theory that birth of issue alone is not such an event as to raise a presumption of intent to revoke, nor does it constitute a "tacit condition and revoke regardless of intent."<sup>2</sup>

An effort of a single legislature to attach an effect to a specified group of facts is not necessarily evidence of a real need, but a series of such efforts from coast to coast is a clear indication of a far-flung attitude. Undoubtedly, as in England, Americans might have rested content with the judicial recognition of the unqualified power to disinherit; but actually, we have not.

Given this condition of the common law, an attitude of disapproval might plausibly be based on one of two grounds: (1) such disinheritation violates a social duty to provide for the family, in particular, for issue, or (2) it violates the presumption that a parent will wish to

<sup>1</sup> At Roman Law the term "preterition" was more prevalent than "pretermission." Either meant the omission by a testator to mention an heir in his will. HEUMANN-SECKEL, *HANDLEXIKON ZU DEN QUELLEN DES ROMISCHEN RECHTS*. As their not formally appointed or disinherited was called *praetextus* (passed over or omitted). *Dir.* 28, 2, 3, sec. 2-4. And the praetor or proper magistrate on petition would give him a share in the inheritance." 2 SHERMAN, *ROMAN LAW IN THE MODERN WORLD* (2d ed. 1922), 263. Also see Leffroy, *Flaws in the Common Law* (1918) 54 Can. L. J. 131. The term is more properly used of heirs living at the time of the execution of the will, but has in recent times been extended to include after-born heirs as well. In a modern case, speaking of an after-born child, the court says, "To pretermitt is to pass by, to omit, to disregard. If the intention to exclude appears upon the face of the will, the child has not been omitted, or passed by." Allison v. Allison, 101 Va. 537, 569, 44 S. E. 904, 915 (1903); Porter v. Porter's Exec., 120 Ky. 302, 306, 86 S. W. 546, 547 (1905).

<sup>2</sup> The common law rule that birth of issue alone did not revoke a parent's prior will is too well-established to require citations. See *Doe d. White v. Barford*, 4 M. & S. 10, 105 Eng. Rep. 739 (1815); *Easterlin v. Easterlin*, 62 Fla. 468, 56 So. 688, Ann. Cas. 1913 D, 1316 with note at 1318 (1911). *Contra*: *McCullum v. McKenzie*, 26 Iowa 510 (1868); *Negus v. Negus*, 46 Iowa 487 (1877). By the *Wills Act*, 7 WILK. IV, 1 Vict. c. 26, § 19 (1837) it is provided "No will shall be revoked by any presumption growing out of an alteration of circumstances." See the same provision in *NEW BRUNSWICK REV. STAT. (1927) c. 173, § 13*; *Barr. Col. Rev. Stat. (1911) c. 241, § 16*; *ONTARIO REV. STAT. (1927) c. 149, § 21*.

On May 16, 1928, Viscount Astor proposed in the House of Lords that a "select committee be appointed to see whether a change is necessary in the laws governing testamentary provision for wives, husbands and children." After discussion, the motion was withdrawn. *PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES*, House of Lords, vol. 71 (1928) cols. 38-61. See also (1928) 44 L. Q. Rev. 281.

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uniform to such a duty. The first looks to the preservation and support of those for whose existence in this world the testator is responsible. The second looks to the preservation of the individual's power to dispose of his property as he wishes. Although the power is initially limited by a charitable presumption that it will be exercised to protect and exercise violate social obligations.

The discussion that is to follow will indicate that the Civil Law accepted the first basis of objection to the power to disinherit. Primarily, modern legislation in several of the Dominions shows the same foundation. On the other hand, legislative enactments throughout the United States have almost unanimously adopted the second. They are seeking to protect the disinherited child only in so far as they deem it consistent with the presumed intent of the testator.

This paper will not attempt to discuss the relative merits of these two attitudes. Rather it will attempt to approach the matter in this spirit: given the American attitude, with what measure of success do our statutes effectuate it? This is not an assumption that presumed intent is a sound attitude. It is merely the acceptance of such an attitude as a standard to measure our legislation. Furthermore, the problem will be regarded as one in analysis and comparison of statutes rather than of interpretation.

### TYPICAL MAJORITY PROVISIONS

Among all American jurisdictions there are but seven without enactments dealing with the power to disinherit issue by will. Of these, only three are states.<sup>3</sup> It may thus be accurately stated that the old common law power of disinheritance has been substantially modified.

Those provisions most generally prevalent may be rapidly described. Their typical fact basis is the combination referred to: a child will followed by the birth of issue unprovided for in the will. Presence of these facts produces, by these statutes, a typical effect, though variously expressed, this amounts in reality to partial intestacy. The after-born child takes by inheritance the portion of his parent's estate both real and personal, that he would have taken had his parent died intestate. Further, this effect is accompanied by certain devices for avoidance of it. Obviously, since it contradicts the fact hypothesis, a provision in the will prevents this partial intestacy. Another, though prevalent, device is provision by *inter vivos* settlement. Again,

Florida, Maryland and Wyoming. In addition, no provisions are found in the *Wills Act*, District of Columbia, Territory of Hawaii and the Philippine Islands.

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expression in the will of an intent to disinherit is a generally recognized method. Occasionally this intent must be expressly set forth, but more often it may be implied from "naming" or "mentioning" the future issue in the will, and in a large group the implication is allowed for, but its basis not stated. In short, it may be said that the typical statute permits avoidance of the effect of the birth of the later child by provision for him, by anticipation, in or out of the will, or by an expression or implication of intent not so to provide. Continuing, our typical statute concludes with a provision that the share of the pretermitted child be made up by contributions *pro rata* from the beneficiaries under the will.

Before noting the variations on our typical statute it might be well to note again the policy behind it. Fundamentally, it is a desire to prevent inadvertent disinheritance.<sup>4</sup> Presumably a parent, so it goes, desires to provide for his issue. The likelihood that issue subsequent to the will was unforeseen, otherwise it would have been provided for, leads a solicitous legislature to do what it believes would have been desired had the true circumstances been known. It is a statutory revival of the old common law theory of so-called revocation by circumstances on the basis of presumed intent, applied to a situation not within the common law rule. On the contrary, that it is not an embodiment of that later theory of "tacit condition" independent of intent, is evident from the prominence and effectiveness given an intent to disinherit under these statutes.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>4</sup>Or as it is put in *McLean v. McLean*, 207 N. Y. 365, 371, 101 N. E. 178, 179 (1913), "to guard and provide against such testamentary thoughtlessness and lack of vision as prevent a testator from contemplating the possibility of after-born children and taking such possibility into account in framing a scheme for the testamentary disposition of his property." Also, *Shackelford v. Washburn*, 180 Ala. 168, 171, 60 So. 318, 319 (1912); *Strong v. Strong*, 106 Conn. 76, 80, 137 Atl. 17, 18 (1927); *Gay v. Gay*, 84 Ala. 38, 4 So. 42 (1888); *Wilson v. Fosket*, 47 Mass. 400, 403 (1843); *Ingraham, Appellant*, 118 Me. 67, 69, 105 Atl. 812, 813 (1919).

<sup>5</sup>Revocation by a subsequent marriage and birth of issue as a "tacit condition" at common law; *Marston v. Roe d. Fox*, 8 A. & E. 14, 112 Eng. Rep. 742 (1839).

The origin of the device for avoiding inadvertent disinheritance found in these modern statutes is often attributed to the Roman Law. Certainly it was found there (see *supra* note 1) and is still found in modern Civil Law: GERMAN CIVIL CODE, art. 2303; FRENCH CIVIL CODE, art. 913; LOUISIANA CODE, 1493 to 1495, and 1705. It represents, however, a solicitude for the issue rather than for the freedom of the power to devise. The earliest American statute is 12 WM. III (1700), Acts and Laws of Province of Massachusetts Bay, p. 125, but no records contemporary with its enactment have been found to throw light on its origin. It may have developed *sui generis* from the same sense of parental obligation as inspired the Roman Law, it may have been taken directly, or it may have been brought over from the then and present Scottish Law.

An interesting historical study of the Scottish law of inheritance has led its author to believe that the present *legitim*, or indefeasible share, of issue in that jurisdiction owes its origin to the early Aryan conception of community property, first of the tribe, then village, and finally family; that this was recognized in Normandy and brought across to England at the Conquest; that thence it was

Further, the legislature is not motivated by a desire to provide a temporary support for the period of administration; this is accomplished by statutory allowances. Nor is it trying to supply support and education during minority; the pretermitted child may well be an adult of mature years and established position. Nor does it desire to relieve the state of the expense of supporting paupers that would require the omission of intent to disinherit as an avoidance of pretermittance.

The extent to which these statutes actually affect the population at large would constitute an interesting study. To begin with, probably less than a quarter of the estates of persons dying in this country are ever offered for probate. No doubt only a small portion of this fraction is testate. Since these statutes only operate upon testate estates, they must affect only a small percentage of the total number of persons dying. Consequently only a small minority of persons ever comes within these statutes. But, on the contrary, the property interests will vary inversely.

An estimated distribution of estates of men dying in Massachusetts within the three years 1889-91 inclusive shows a total value of estates of over 202 million dollars, or an average of over 66 millions a year.<sup>6</sup> Another estimate, this by the Federal Trade Commission, of estates probated in certain selected counties,—rural, town and city from widely distributed states,—shows a yearly average of about 56 million dollars.<sup>7</sup> Since larger estates are generally testate, it may be concluded that the property interests that may be affected by the pretermitted heir statutes are very large.

This general comment should also be made. The pretermitted child, if he takes at all, takes his intestate share. In every case where a will gives property to persons not heirs, the total estate received by children not pretermitted but named in the will will be less than their intestate share.<sup>8</sup> At least this is true in states vesting no discretion in the court as to the allocation of the duty to contribute to make up the share of the omitted child. As a consequence, the child who was expressly provided for is very likely to take less than the child not pro-

taken by King David I to Scotland; that it was abolished in England, but persisted in Scotland, though now erroneously attributed to Roman origin. He concludes that it is the result of a period when testation was unknown and was not, therefore, "created as a restriction on a complete power of testing." Gardner, *Origin and Nature of Legal Rights of Spouses and Children in the Scottish Law of Succession*, (1927) 39 *Jurm. Rev.* 209, 313 and (1928) 40 *ibid.* 72.

<sup>6</sup>Estimated from data of the Mass. Bureau of Labor by WILLFORD I. KING, WEALTH AND INCOME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES 69, 71.

<sup>7</sup>National Wealth and Income, SEN. Doc. No. 126, 69th Cong., 1st Sess., at 58. Both sets of statistics are taken from SMITH, TRUST COMPANIES IN THE UNITED STATES (1928).

<sup>8</sup>The total of the testamentary gifts to children will always be less than the total of their intestate shares where any gift at all is made to a stranger. Of course the individual portions may vary within this total.



vided for. This appears to be a strange inversion of the presumed intent. Of course, an informed testator can easily avoid it, but it is astonishing how few lawyers, to say nothing of laymen, are unaware of the very existence of these statutes.

#### A. As to Child Whose Omission Is in Question

##### MINORITY VARIATIONS

#### 1. Children Born Prior to the Execution of the Will.

Turning from this typical statute we find a group of minority variations diverging from each of its major portions. First there are variations as to the child whose pretermisison is concerned. Typically he is after-born, but in twenty American jurisdictions a child born prior to the will, or issue of such child,<sup>9</sup> if the child be deceased, is within the legislative protection. We have here an extension of solicitude, including grandchildren of prior children. But most interesting is the attitude toward the testator's intent. It would seem reasonable to suggest that the omission of an existing child or grandchild is more likely to be intentional than otherwise. This is recognized in but five of the jurisdictions, however. In their statutes the will is affected only "if it appears that such omission was not intentional, but was made by accident or mistake."<sup>10</sup> This accords with fact. It places the burden on the child to prove the accidental nature of his omission, which, if proved, justifies the inference of intent to provide. The rest, however, establish the opposite presumption by the phrase "unless it appears that such omission was intentional," or a similar clause.<sup>11</sup> Although

<sup>9</sup> Missouri and New Mexico use the word "descendant" and Arkansas "legal representatives." Citations below.

<sup>10</sup> MICH. COMP. LAWS (1915) § 13,791; MINN. GEN. STATS. (1923) § 8745; NEB. COMP. STATS. (1922) § 1267; VT. GEN. LAWS (1917) § 3427; WIS. STAT. (1925) vol. 1, § 238.11.

<sup>11</sup> This clause appears in the statutes of eight states. CALIF. CIV. CODE (1923) § 1307; IDAHO COMP. STAT. (1919) § 7827; MONT. REV. CODE (1921) § 7009; NEV. REV. LAWS (1912) § 6216; N. D. COMP. LAWS ANN. (1913) vol. 1, § 5675; OKLA. COMP. STAT. ANN. (1921) vol. II, § 11,255; S. D. REV. CODE (1919) vol. 1, § 636; UTAH COMP. LAWS (1917) § 6341.

Three other states add verbatim or in substance, "or/and was not occasioned by mistake." ME. REV. STAT. (1916) c. 79, § 9; MASS. GEN. LAWS (1921) c. 191, § 21, as amended Acts 1925, c. 155, § 1; R. I. GEN. LAWS (1923) title xxix, c. 298, § 22.

Two more make no express reference to intent but establish partial intestacy where the "testator omits to mention the name of a (prior) child." ARK. DIG. STAT. (1919) § 10,507, or the child "is not named or referred to," N. H. PUB. LAWS (1926) ch. 297, § 10.

Suppose in these jurisdictions, A has a child, B, living at the time of making his will. The will expressly disinherits B. A child, C, is born to B; no intent as to disinheritance of C is apparent. B dies, then A dies. *Quære*: does C take as a pretermitted child? Or suppose C is born after the death of both A and B? The statutes of Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming, make no provision for the pretermitted child.

the effect is weakened by the broadness of the language that the entire estate of the testator shall pass to the child, and the whole the absence of intent is not limited to the face of the will. In the whole the presumption remains, human experience to the contrary notwithstanding.

#### 2. The Fact of Prior Children Living at the Time of the Execution of the Will in Relation to the Pretermisison of After-born Children.

There is another variation in respect to the fact of prior children living at the time of the execution of the will. It is found in only ten states. The terms are so peculiar as to entitle it to detailed consideration. The wills must be made under one of two sets of circumstances, either the testator had a child living at the time, or he did not. But does this quite obvious alternative justify a difference in legislative policy? These ten states answer "yes."<sup>12</sup> Where, for instance, the testator had a child living at the time he made his will, the subsequent birth of another child, in the absence of conditions named in the statute, produces a certain effect. Where, on the contrary, there was no such child living at the time, the birth of the later child, in the absence of a different set of conditions, produces a different effect. In none of these ten states does the failure to provide for the prior child itself affect the later will.

This factual distinction in the testator's familial environment seems to have first appeared in a Virginia provision enacted in 1785.<sup>13</sup> This was confirmed in an added provision in 1794<sup>14</sup> and has since reappeared through all subsequent revisions. In view of the extensive colonization migrating from Virginia into Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia, it is not at all surprising to find it in those states. It appeared in Kentucky,<sup>15</sup> for instance, in 1797, in Ohio<sup>16</sup> in 1808, and in West Virginia<sup>17</sup>

This, and the preceding note, cover eighteen jurisdictions. The two remaining, Louisiana and Porto Rico, have Civil Law enactments recognizing the legal portion, *legitime*, of "forced heirs," of which no parent can deprive them in the absence of certain statutory "just causes." Intent plays no part at all. LA. REV. CIV. CODE (1925) arts. 1493 and 1495; Porto Rico REV. STAT. COMES (Comp. 1913) §§ 3874, 3876, 3898, 3899.

<sup>12</sup> ARIZ. REV. STAT. (1919) § 1214-1217; DEL. REV. CODE (1915) §§ 3251-3253; ILL. REV. STAT. ANN. (1923) c. 22, §§ 240, 243; KY. STAT. (Carroll, 1922) §§ 4847, 4848; MISS. ANN. CODE (Hemingway Miss. 1922) §§ 3567, 3568; N. J. COMP. STAT. (1910) 5865, "Wills" § 20, 21; OHIO GEN. CODE (1910) §§ 10561, 10563, 10564; TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. (1925) arts. 2291-2293; VA. CODE ANN. (1924) §§ 5242-5243; W. VA. CODE ANN. (Barnes 1923) c. 77, §§ 16-17.

<sup>13</sup> 12 HEN. STAT. VA. c. 61, § 3, 140, from Rev. Bills 1779, c. 21, passed 1785, effective Jan. 1, 1787. This distinction did not appear in the earlier Virginia Act, 5 HEN. STAT. VA. 447 (1748) effective 1751.

<sup>14</sup> VA. STAT. 1794, c. 19, as reprinted Rev. Code (1819) c. 104, § 4, at 376.

<sup>15</sup> 1 LITT. L. KY. 611 and Ky. Dig. or Laws (1834) Moorehead & Brown, vol. 2, title 180, § 3, at 1539.

in 1868. In addition, it appeared in Mississippi in 1807, in New Jersey in 1824, in the Republic of Texas in 1840, in Delaware in 1862, in Kansas in 1866, and lastly in Arizona in 1887. This dis-  
tinction does not appear in the statutes of any other state or territory.<sup>24</sup>  
Each of these statutes, like those in the majority group, may be  
stated as divided into three portions. The first is the factual state-  
ment as indicated above. This is, of course, alternative (a) a child  
living and (b) a child not living at the time of the will. This appears  
in this form in all the statutes, but that of Delaware, the second,  
of operative portion has two distinct aspects: (a) the effect produced  
by the birth of a child subsequent to the will in each of the alternative  
situations named, and (b) the devices provided for avoiding this effect.  
The third, or remedial portion, provides the procedural machinery for  
the after-born child's procuring the share due him under the operative  
portion.

latter state cautiously continuing, "capable of inheritance" while West Virginia omits the matter of age and adds simply "of legal age." This state of affairs, — an executory limitation on the inheritance of the will and a special limitation on the inheritance of other property, arises in less certain other conditions are present in at least all five states. These are the same — provision for or mention of the child he (the testator) might have.

Three of the remaining five states regarding children, the child as a revocation of the entire will. Child, and a question as to how as a presumption rebuttable only by specified facts, and a statutory amendment expresses it as a revocation operating as a presumption, and not as a presumption. The other two states, New Jersey and New York, as partial to the extent of the after-born child, and a question as to the limitation that in case of death of the child or the descendant under twenty-one, unmarried and without issue, as to how it is portioned as remains unexpended for his support and education, and as to the beneficiaries under the will.

It will be noted that all ten states, Virginia excepted since 1924, exhibit a tendency to avoid in some manner the operation of the entire will. In five the birth avoids it for such child, life, and in the normal course of events, permanently. In three the will is "revoked," and in one it is declared "void." The tenth state, Virginia, before 1924, belonged to the first group, but since then has stood alone for partial intestacy. Actually, however, the practical effect of the 1924 act in that state is to invalidate all the will except for the proportion represented by the widow's inheritance.<sup>38</sup>

As to methods of avoiding these operative provisions, all ten states permit actual provision in the will to accomplish this. All but Delaware give effect to the intent to disinherit as inferred from a mention of the child, while Kansas and Ohio make particular reference to an outside settlement as well.<sup>39</sup>



The second, and alternative, factual situation is where the testator did have a child living at the time of making his will. Call this case 2. In all ten states the birth of a child after the will and under these circumstances operates to revoke the will to the extent of such child's intestate share. The prior will merely fails to that extent to operate in seven states and the child takes his share in fee by inheritance.<sup>88</sup> In the remaining three states, this share is subjected to the limitations which have already appeared in another connection, namely, that if the child dies under twenty-one, unmarried and without issue, so much of his portion as remains unexpended for support and education reverts to the person to whom it was given by the will.<sup>89</sup>

In all ten states there are regulatory provisions governing the manner of making up this share. In five all the beneficiaries "contribute proportionately out of the parts devised and bequeathed to them."<sup>90</sup> In three they "contribute ratably, either in kind or in money, as a court of equity in the particular case may deem proper,"<sup>91</sup> while in two the beneficiaries contribute proportionately "unless . . . a different apportionment be found necessary in order to give effect to the intention of the testator as to that part of the estate which passes by the will."<sup>92</sup>

The devices for avoiding the operative provisions include in all states provision for the after-born child in the will, and in eight, provision outside, in the form of a "settlement."<sup>93</sup> An intent to disinherit expressly evidenced in the will is a recognized device in five states.<sup>94</sup>

4 B. R. C. 256 and note at 268; WOERNER, AMERICAN LAW OF ADMINISTRATION, (3d ed. 1923) § 553. In a few jurisdictions it is otherwise: Payne v. Payne, 128 Va. 33, 39, 104 S. E. 712 (1920); VA. CODE ANN. (1924) § 5278; Walters v. Nealus, 136 Ky. 756, 764, 125 S. W. 167 (1910); KY. STAT. (Carroll 1922) §§ 1407, 1484; Dittie's Adm'r. v. Clancy's Exrs., 22 Ohio St. 436, 441 (1872). In either event these statutes do not operate on the will, but only on the estate not passing by will. Whereas, therefore, under the permitted heirs statutes the existence of a settlement may determine the amount of a given share. These latter statutes are therefore not directly concerned here. As a matter of information, it should be added that practically every American jurisdiction has an enactment, relative to advancements. As to what are advancements see three annotations in (1923) 26 A. L. R. at 1089, 1106 and 1178.

<sup>88</sup> Arizona, Delaware, Kansas, Mississippi, New Jersey, Ohio and Texas. See citations, *supra* note 12.

<sup>89</sup> Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia. See citations, *supra* note 12.

<sup>90</sup> Ariz. Rev. Stat. (1919) § 1214, Miss. Code (Hemingway, 1927) § 3567; N. J. Comp. Stat. (1910) 5865, "Wills," § 21; Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat. (1925) art. 8292. In Delaware there is a further provision that "any intestate estate . . . shall be first applied," Rev. Code (1915) § 3253.

<sup>91</sup> KY. STAT. (Carroll, 1922) § 4848; VA. CODE ANN. (1924) §§ 5242, 5243; W. VA. CODE ANN. (Barnes, 1923) 1647, c. 77, § 17.

<sup>92</sup> Kan. Rev. Stat. (1923) c. 22, § 243; OHIO GEN. CODE (1910) § 10,564.

<sup>93</sup> The Delaware statute reads "provision by will or otherwise." Of the ten, only Ohio and Kansas deny effect to a "settlement." Curiously enough these are the only two states that give it effect in case 1. See *supra* notes 12, 31, 32. As to advancements statutes, see *supra* note 37.

<sup>94</sup> The words "expressly excluded" occur in Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia, and "disinherited" in Mississippi and New Jersey. See citations, *supra* note 12.

Comparing, then, the two situations, it is possible to generalize broadly to this extent: that in case 1, that is, where the testator had no child living at the execution of his will, the birth of a subsequent child operates to affect the entire instrument either by revoking it or, avoiding it, whereas in case 2, where he had a child living at the time, the subsequent birth operates upon a fraction only of the will, namely, to the extent of such after-born child's intestate share. Further, the sweeping effect in the first situation can in general be divided in two ways, by provision or intent not to provide (from the "common" expression in the will of an intent to disinherit or exclude). Practically speaking, what also, what they do? To what extent are these differences in wording real? If they are real, and not apparent merely, what policies underlie their existence?

So far as the after-born child, B, is concerned, there are no differences. If there was no child, A, living at the execution of the will, the will is ineffective and B gets the whole estate, perhaps shared with his surviving parent. That is, he gets his intestate share. This is exactly what he gets if there was a child, A, but of course this share is now smaller. The protection given B is constant, he never loses his inheritance, whether it be case 1 or case 2. As to A, there is an obvious factual difference, of course. There is no such person to consider in case 1, while in the other there is. In this latter event A, as well as B, may conceivably get his intestate share; where, for instance A was the sole beneficiary of the will and there is no surviving spouse who inherits, or if there is one, where the proportions given each under the will are the same as by the local law of descent, an unlikely case. On any other hypothesis the shares of both A and the surviving spouse are affected by B's birth. This is particularly so where the will gives part of the estate to strangers. B's constant fraction must now be made up from the shares of all the beneficiaries, and the larger the portion given to strangers the greater the discrepancy between A's testate and intestate share.

Turning from the position of A and B, to the share of the surviving spouse, how is this affected in the two cases? Where the spouse does not inherit as an heir, his position is, of course, like that of any stranger. But where he is an heir, the birth of B in case 1 revokes the will and enables him to inherit. Naturally this may be an estate different from that given him by the will. In case 2 he is not enabled